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In Re the Application of:

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For: "CANINE AND FELINE
 IMMUNOREGULATORY PROTEINS,
 NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES, AND
 USES THEREOF"

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of two (2) months to respond to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 6, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from October 6, 2001, to December 6, 2001.

Applicants hereby authorize the extension fee of \$200 to be charged to Deposit Account No. 081930. Applicants claim small entity status and enclose a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 081930.

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